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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (original) 5-[4-(6-Methoxy-1-methyl-H-benzimidazole-2-ylmethoxy)benzyl]-thiazolidin-2,4-dione hydrochloride.

2. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of the compound of claim 1 together with a carrier therefor.

3.- 5. (cancelled)

6. (original) A method of treatment or prophylaxis of a human having a disease selected from the group consisting of diabetes mellitus, hyperglycemia, impaired glucose tolerance, diabetic complications, hyperlipidemia, obesity, hypertension, fatty liver, arteriosclerosis, gestational diabetes, polycystic ovary syndrome, cardiovascular diseases, atherosclerosis, and inflammatory diseases, comprising administering to said human an effective amount of the compound of claim 1.

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7. (original) A method according to claim 6 wherein said disease is diabetes mellitus.

8. (original) A method according to claim 6 wherein said disease is impaired glucose tolerance.

9. (original) A method according to claim 6 wherein said disease is diabetic complications.

10. (New) A method of treating a mammal in need of treatment and having a disease selected from the group consisting of diabetes mellitus, hyperglycemia, impaired glucose tolerance, diabetic complications, hyperlipidemia, obesity, hypertension, fatty liver, arteriosclerosis, gestational diabetes, polycystic ovary syndrome, cardiovascular diseases, atherosclerosis, and inflammatory diseases, comprising administering to said mammal an effective amount of the compound of claim 1.

11. (New) A method of treating a mammal in need of treatment according to claim 10 wherein said disease is diabetes mellitus.

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12. (New) A method of treating a mammal in need of treatment according to claim 10 wherein said disease is impaired glucose tolerance.

13. (New) A method of treating a mammal in need of treatment according to claim 10 wherein said disease is diabetic complications.